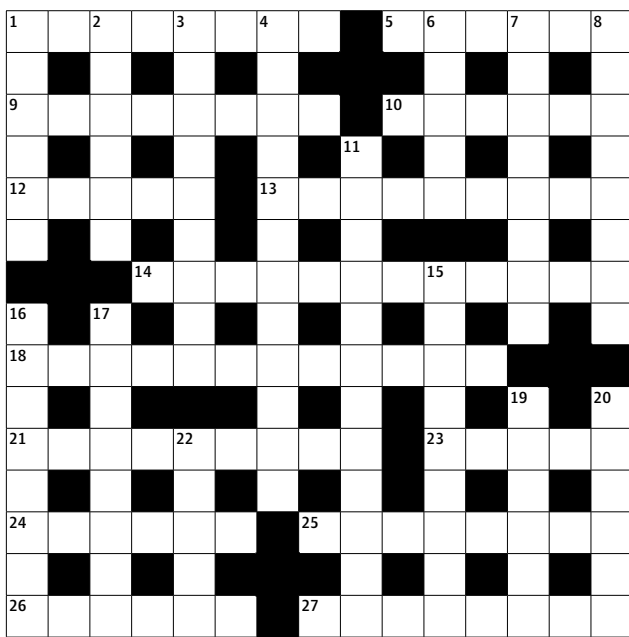


## Guardian cryptic crossword



No 27,095 set by Rufus

### Across

- 1 Bread in test case exhibited in court (8)
- 5 A boring set-up (3,3)
- 9 Big dog very good about change of lead (8)
- 10 Highly bred? (6)
- 12 The church always brings comfort (5)
- 13 Drunken roisterer to frighten people badly (9)
- 14 Wrote and agreed (12)
- 18 They may be running the moment race is organised (12)
- 21 Pays for implement to make furniture (9)
- 23 Fossil resin that should be approached with caution (5)
- 24 State some foregone conclusion (6)
- 25 Head south for the main cities (8)
- 26 Part the cad needed to play (6)
- 27 Repairmen take in article in turns (8)

### Down

- 1 Do a rush job on the roof? (6)
- 2 One's king set up a republic (6)
- 3 Such a steak is rarely served (9)
- 4 Initial repetition is only repetition after all (12)

- 6 Girl has half an hour in a state (5)
- 7 Cancels order for wind-screens – not new (8)
- 8 Gallery finds finales welcome surprises (8)
- 11 News handout of journalists' redundancy (5,7)
- 15 Performance in the theatre switched to open air (9)
- 16 A spot of capital punishment (8)
- 17 I am on the way – the way forward (8)
- 19 Idle Jack leads, fuming (6)
- 20 Course at Oxford is after credit when in trouble (6)
- 22 Good man in charge, with love at heart, makes a good bearer (5)

Solution No. 27,088

